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Dear Harold,

Thanks a lot for sending "Post Mortem," and your letter. I've been a little busy lately covering the elections, but have had a chance to go thru much of "Post Mortem."

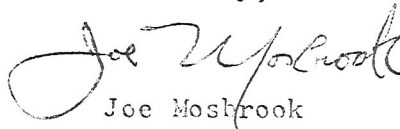
Yesterday, I picked-up a book at the local library called "Betrayal," by William Morrow. At first glance it looked like it had a lot of interesting information. But, the more I read, the more skeptical I became. First, it reads like a slick commercial novel, with no citations, and with all sorts of quotes that the author, a former CIA contract man couldn't possibly have been present to hear. Then, he changes the names of a lot of people who are still living -- apparently Seymour, Howard etc...and ticks off a lot of items that anyone who had read the Warren Report would be aware of...and paints a story line around them. The crux of it seems to be that Clay Shaw engineered the whole thing, with Panister, despite the efforts of the CIA to stop it, because JFK had frustrated their efforts to get at Castro. There probably is some accurate information in this "novel," but it is impossible to distinguish the good from the bad, and I suspect the book is probably another bit of CIA misdirection. What do you know about it?

Also lately, I have been in contact with Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio, one of the members of the new House Select Committee. He tells me the committee will hold a couple hearings next week, November 15th, to set the stage for its probe, and will "consult people like Harold Weisberg and Mark Lane." Stokes, incidently believes the Warren Report "is pretty well discredited, and there was probably some CIA involvement." While he doesn't have much detailed background on the subject, at least he's going into it with honest intentions.

Incidently, Burt Griffin, who was a Commission counsel is now a Common Pleas Court Judge in Cleveland. From time to time he pops up in the local press supporting the Warren Report, admitting only that "we didn't communicate effectively."

Again, thanks...

Sincerely,


Joe Moshbrook